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Memo

From: Jamia McDonald, Office of the Governor

To: Cabinet Directors, Joint Committee on Legislative Services; RI Courts; Office of Secretary of State, Office of Lt. Governor, Office of Attorney General, Office of General Treasurer, Media Outlets

Re: Quick Guide to FEMA Assistance

Date: March 31, 2010

As a result of the federal declaration of disaster for the State of Rhode Island due to the historic rain and flood damage to individual property and businesses, FEMA will be the primary agency to assist individuals and businesses with and cost recovery. RIEMA will continue to coordinate with FEMA on assessing public infrastructure and recovery.

Attached, please find a quick reference guide to the FEMA recovery process to share with your constituencies. Additional information is available on the FEMA website at www.FEMA.gov.

Thank you.

BRIEF GUIDE TO BEGIN FEMA ASSISTANCE PROCESS

(Source: FEMA in a Pocket Guide)

INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS

Program: Individuals and Household program (IHP)

Who may be eligible: Homeowners, individuals and households (home owners and renters)

What potentially covered: Damages to home, personal property, home repairs, rental assistance, clothes, washers, dryers – all things that may have been affected with flood waters

What to do:

1. Register online at www.fema.gov or 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for hearing or speech impaired
2. FEMA will provide a nine-digit registration number.
NOTE: It is critically important for anyone who may have already called 211 or spoken to FEMA due to the last storm event, still MUST REGISTER with FEMA.
3. Information needed for call:
 - Social Security Number
 - Telephone number where to be reached
 - Address of damaged property
 - Current address of residence
 - Brief description of disaster-related damages and losses
 - Insurance information (homeowners, personal property, rental, etc.)

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BUSINESSES

Program: US Small Business Disaster Assistance Program (low interest loans)

Who is eligible: Business owners

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NOTE: It is critically important for anyone who may have already called 211 or spoken to FEMA due to the last storm event, still **MUST REGISTER** with FEMA.
3. Information needed for call:
 - Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN)
 - Social Security Number or Name of Business
 - Primary Contact Telephone number where to be reached
 - Address of damaged property
 - Brief description of disaster-related damages and losses
 - Insurance information

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